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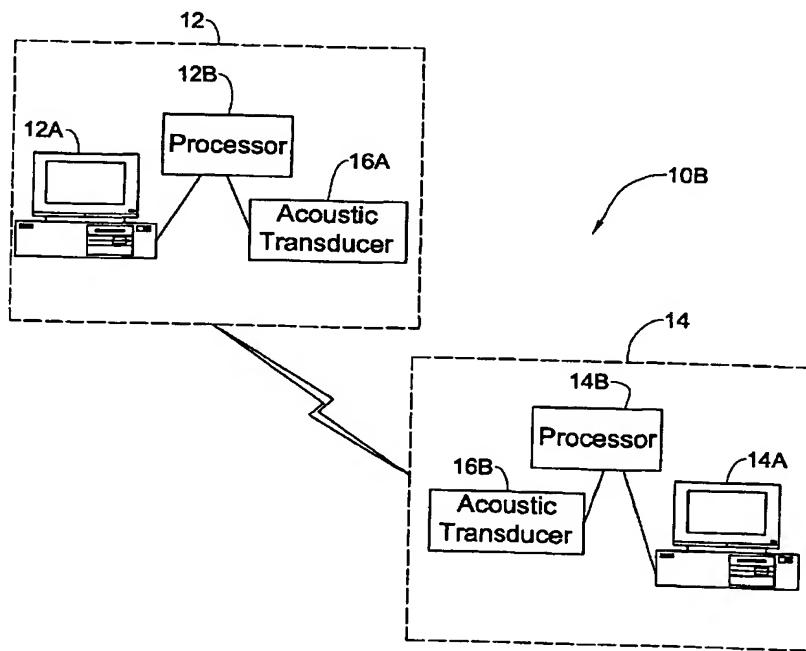
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(57) Abstract: An acoustic transducer arrangement and system and method utilizing the same are presented. The acoustic transducer arrangement includes: an acoustic transmitter assembly including an array of transmitter elements operable to generate together a multi-frequency acoustic signal; and a control unit preprogrammed to operate the acoustic transmitter assembly in accordance with digital data stream indicative of a received signal to generate the multi-frequency acoustic signal indicative of the received signal.



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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,311,541 A (Sanderford, Jr.) 10 May 1994 (10.05.1994), column 4, lines 59-62.	1-3 and 25-28
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